

CN RR NEWS

Canadian National continues to push the limit with the sale of the EJ&E tracks. Its latest tactic was to demand that the Surface Transportation Board expedite the Environmental Impact Study, asking for the STB to complete its evaluation and recommendations by December 31. CN claims that the terms of its deal with EJ&E require this timeline, even though they've known for months that the impact study would take much longer than 6 months, possibly up to 18.

Barrington officials responded to this by filing an official reply with the STB asking the agency to deny CN's May 13 request. In a news alert put out by the Barrington coalition, the leaders

state: "Barrington argues that affording the STB a reasonable time to complete the required environmental review increases the likelihood that the public interest will be served. Moreover, CN's arguments assume that the proposed transaction will not have any adverse environmental impacts, or that such adverse environmental impacts are outweighed by the purported benefits, a position with which Barrington strongly disagrees."

"We continue to be amazed at how cavalier CN is in arguing its case," said Barrington's Mayor Darch. "We are trying to deal with real issues that will affect real people for decades to come."

EARTH DAY THANKS

PHA Governmental chairman Bill Matevich would like to thank board member Rich Misiorowski and Prestwick resident Rod Campbell for helping him with the Village's Earth Day clean up in April. The three worked on the edge of Prestwick along Laraway and Harlem, picking up garbage and making the entrance to our neighborhood look a little nicer.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE EJ&E SALE, GO TO www.fightrailcongestion.com

Watch for details on a summer Town Hall meeting in Frankfort.

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FIREWORKS OVER PRESTWICK

Thursday
July 3
7:30-10:30 p.m.
@ PCC



815-469-5550.

ADJ will be playing from 7:30 to 10:30, and a first class fireworks display will take

place over the course at 9:15 p.m.

All PHA and PCC members are invited to a private party co-hosted by PHA and the Club. An American style cookout buffet will be available for \$16/adult & \$9/child with a cash bar. Please RSVP to the Club if you plan to dine with us,

Bring your chairs and blankets and join us. And, don't forget to bring a flashlight if you plan to walk home across the course in the dark.

ENTRANCES UPDATE

Plywood is not forever! I know many of you are enjoying the decorative plywood signs at the entrances. We had a local artist and landscaper review the placement and size of the stone signs, and it was recommended that we have the stone signs cut a little larger. So we had to change our order which

is delaying the installation. We hope to have a due date soon.

So if you have grown to love the plywood, you will really like the stones when they arrive. After the stone installation, we will start the last phase...providing nighttime lighting.

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SPRING CLEANING IN PRESTWICK

As the weather gets nicer and spring turns to summer, people turn their attention to the outdoors. We are working in our yards and cleaning up after a long winter and spring, all to add to the beauty of our scenic neighborhood. It is also the time that we notice what is not being taken care of in our area. As you drive down your street, I am sure you take note of who keeps up their property and who does not. The beautiful homes, well-maintained lawns, plantings and landscaping all catch your eye.

Then there are the properties where things are not maintained – tall grass full of weeds and dandelions, trees full of dead limbs, debris and broken structures, aging homes in need of a little TLC – all impact everyone. This is not just about property values (and yes, this does seriously impact your property value) but the overall environment where we live, as well.

And, while we do appreciate the homeowners who make the effort to take care of their properties, we would note that the creeks that run through our neighborhoods are NOT the appropriate place to dispose of your yard waste. Please purchase lawn bags and stickers for collection by the Village.

A word of caution on that topic.....



The following are a couple statutes and the last paragraph is a quote from a subject matter expert.

415 ILCS 5/11 says: The General Assembly finds: (1) that pollution of the waters of this State constitutes a menace to public health and welfare, creates public nuisances, is harmful to wildlife, fish, and aquatic life, impairs domestic, agricultural, industrial, recreational and other legitimate beneficial uses of water, depresses property values, and offends the senses.

415 ILCS 5/12 entitled "Acts Prohibited" says: No person shall cause or threaten to cause the discharge of any contaminants into the environment in any State so as to cause or tend to cause water pollution in Illinois, either alone or in combination with matter from other sources, or so as to violate regulations or standards adopted by the Pollution Control Board under this Act.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Attorney General are authorized to enforce the provisions of the statute. They can investigate matters and bring enforcement proceedings before the Pollution Control Board or file suit within the County Court system. And yes, they can demand substantial fines and penalties, per 415 ILCS 5/42, and sometimes even restitution for any injured parties.

As members of the Prestwick Homeowners Board, we are commit-

ted to trying to address the concerns of neighbors, along with improving and maintaining a level of excellence in our neighborhood. We'd like to take this time to further remind you of the covenants that govern our community.

- Fences are not permitted unless enclosing an in-ground pool and must be made of certain



- Construction of both the pool and the fence require permit and approval by both the Village of Frankfort and PHA.
- Sheds or other out buildings are not permitted.
- Boats and recreational vehicles and/or non-running vehicles are not allowed to be parked/stored on your property.
- Any improvements valued at over \$1,000 need approval by the Prestwick Homeowners Association. Contact Tom Barz at 815-469-5100 or Bill Matevich at 815-464-6464 regarding the approval process, which can generally be completed within a few days for simple repairs/replacements and within a few weeks if an outside architectural review is required.

• FOR COMPLAINTS ABOUT NON-MAINTENANCE of RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, PLEASE CONTACT ANY BOARD MEMBER. SEE PAGE 1 for BOARD CONTACT #s.

SHERWIN WILLIAMS NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

PHA is pleased to announce that we will be participating in the Sherwin Williams Neighbor to Neighbor program this year. Our association gets cash back when Prestwick residents shop at the Sherwin Williams stores. Our closest Sherwin Williams, located on LaGrange Road at St. Francis Road in Frankfort, next to Dinner by Design.

Stop in the store and complete a registration form. There is no limit to the number of participants who can sign up, but the program is open only to members of the PHA.

Then, every time you shop, just let the cashier know you are with PHA and registered for the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program. You will save 20% on all regularly priced merchandise and 5% on all sale priced merchandise. It is only valid for residential customers.

Our association will receive cash

back at the end of the year. Individual sales from our members' purchases will be tracked in our own Sherwin Williams account. 3% of total eligible sales (excluding non-merchandise, sales taxes and returns) will be credited towards this account. Then once a year, around March, a check will be sent to PHA for the full amount in our account (for accounts over \$25.00).

For example, if our members spend \$1,000 on home improvement projects, they will save up to \$200 just by using the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program. And, our association will have earned \$30. This is a painless way to help our association raise a little extra money for neighborhood beautification projects while purchasing the quality products you'd normally use.

Be sure to stop at our local Sherwin Williams and sign up today! Thanks for your help, neighbor!



2008 DIRECTORY

The 2008 edition of the Prestwick Homeowners Association directory should arrive at your home in June. We would like to apologize in advance for any errors in your personal information. If you see that corrections are needed, please contact Jim Nolting at janolting@aol.com or at 815-464-0341. A special thank you to Prestwick resident Bill Kiehl, owner of Liberty Creative Solutions, for the donation of his staff's time and talent in printing our book this year!

And, remember to check out the advertising section in the center of the book. These are quality firms who are interested in working for quality clients...you!

PETIQUETTE

Dear Prestwick homeowners,

Last year, the Operation Playground foundation spent tens of thousands of dollars to build and dedicate a dog park in Frankfort Park District's Commissioners Park,

off of Sauk Trail near Prestwick. However, it appears that a number of Prestwick homeowners think the Bark Park has been relocated to the Prestwick Country Club golf course. Please be considerate of your neighbors...the

golf course should not be used to walk or run your pets. Other places, your yard and the Bark Park for which you pay (tax), are the appropriate places. Thank you for your cooperation!

